<u>Amendments to the claims</u>:

1 – 29. canceled.

30. (currently amended): A method of monitoring **or analyzing** a content item which is to be broadcast through a broadcasting network, the content item to be identified by a fingerprint of the content <u>item</u> derived from the content <u>item</u> itself, said method comprising:

maintaining a ~~limited~~ list of content items, the list **comprising a subset of content items designated as active,** ~~consisting of those content items that are to be broadcast by the broadcasting network during a predetermined time period,~~ the ~~limited~~ list of content items being respectively associated with one or more fingerprints derived from the content items themselves;

deriving a<u>t least one</u> fingerprint from a content item monitored **or analyzed** from the broadcast network; and

interrogating the ~~limited~~ list of content items with the <u>at least one</u> fingerprint to identify the monitored **or analyzed** content item.

31 - 35. canceled.

36. (currently amended): A method of monitoring <u>or analyzing</u> a content item which is to be transmitted through a network, the content item to be identified by a fingerprint of the content<u> item</u> derived from the content <u>item</u> itself, said method comprising:

maintaining a list of content items, ~~the list consisting of those content items that are to be transmitted through the network during a predetermined time period,~~ the list of content items being respectively associated with one or more fingerprints derived from the content items themselves;

receiving a playlist, the playlist identifying content items to be transmitted through the network during a predetermined time period;

based at least in part on the playlist, updating the list of content items by adding at least a plurality of content items and removing at least a plurality of content items;

deriving a<u>t least one</u> fingerprint from a content item monitored <u>or analyzed</u> from the network; and

interrogating the list of content items with a<u>t least one</u> derived fingerprint to identify the monitored <u>or analyzed</u> content item.

37. (previously presented): A computer readable medium comprising instructions to perform the method of claim 36.

38. (currently amended): A method comprising:

receiving a list of content items, ~~the list consisting of those content items that are to be transmitted through the network during a predetermined time period,~~ the list of content items being respectively associated with one or more fingerprints derived from the content items themselves;

<u>adding and deleting entries</u> ~~storing the list of content items~~ in a table or data structure <u>according to the list of content items</u>;

receiving a content item, the content item comprising audio or video;

deriving a<u>t least one</u> fingerprint from the content item itself;

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interrogating the table or data structure ~~list of content items~~ with the derived at least one fingerprint to identify the content item;

communicating a signal representing at least the identified content item to a remote device.

39. (previously presented): A computer readable medium comprising instructions to perform the method of claim 38.

40. (currently amended): A method comprising:

maintaining a limited list of content items, ~~the list including those content items that are to be broadcast by the broadcasting network during a predetermined time period,~~ the limited list of content items being respectively associated with one or more fingerprints derived from the content items themselves;

identifying a subset of the limited list of content items as active content items, the subset being associated with those content items being subject to updates;

deriving at least one fingerprint from a content item monitored **or obtained** from a ~~the broadcast~~ network; and

interrogating the limited list of content items with the at least one fingerprint to identify the monitored **or obtained** content item.

41. (currently amended): The method of claim 40 wherein the content items comprise at least audio or video.

42. (new): The method of claim 30 wherein said act of deriving comprises deriving two or more fingerprints of the content item.

43. (new): The method of claim 42 wherein said act of interrogating the list of content items utilizes the two or more fingerprints to identify the monitored or analyzed content item.

44. (new): The method of claim 30 wherein the content item comprises audio or video.

45. (new): The method of claim 30 wherein the subset of content items designated as active are associated with database entries to be updated.

46. (new): The method of claim 36 wherein said act of deriving comprises deriving two or more fingerprints of the content item.

47. (new): The method of claim 46 wherein said act of interrogating utilizes the two or more fingerprints to identify the monitored or analyzed content item.

48. (new): The method of claim 36 wherein the content item comprises audio or video.

49. (new): The method of claim 38 wherein said act of deriving comprises deriving two or more fingerprints of the content item.

50. (new): The method of claim 49 wherein said act of interrogating utilizes the two or more fingerprints to identify the content item.

51. (new): The method of claim 38 wherein the content item comprises audio or video.

52. (new): The method of claim 40 wherein said act of deriving comprises deriving two or more fingerprints of the content item.

53. (new): The method of claim 52 wherein said act of interrogating utilizes the two or more fingerprints.